

Internship Schedule:

- The students are at their internship site up to 10-12 hours a week
- The schedule will be determined by the student, employer and an advisor
- Typically the hours are similar to the Big Picture School schedule
- Internship length is 10-12 weeks and may be renewed at the employers discretion

2011-2012 Student interests include

- Librarian
- Veterinarian/Humane Society
- Zoologist
- Photographer or Artist
- Retail Business
- Engineer – Aerospace or Civil
- Graphic Designer
- Writer
- Lawyer
- Marketing
- Physician
- Psychologist – General Actor or Theater Production
- Video Game Tester
- Web Designer
- Social Worker – Teen Drug/Alcohol



Big Picture Learning

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Examples of Internship Projects

- Website maintenance and research
- Creating models to explore architecture and engineering
- Database entry and spreadsheet creation
- Creation of graduation announcements using graphic design
- Physical Therapy Marketing Video
- Assist with campaigns, marketing or events
- Sports Management
- Art Gallery Design
- Create marketing materials and brochures
- Automotive repair/rebuild an engine
- Caring for animals at shelter
- Assist in pre-school, elementary or middle school
- Culinary, restaurant systems organization
- Teaching students with Autism



Bellevue Big Picture School



Learning Through Internship Program

Mission: To prepare all students for success in college, career and citizenship through personalized, rigorous and relevant learning experiences.

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Bellevue Big Picture: Learning Through Internships

Overview: Learning through internships is a major component of the curriculum at Big Picture and students participate in internships up to twice per week with businesses and organizations. Though this opportunity, students develop relationships with workplace mentors who become role models, resources, and guides.

Details of the Experience: High school students will spend up to 10-12 hours a week in an internship, working on projects that benefit the organization and connect to the student's learning goals. At the worksites, students take on real-world tasks and projects under the supervision of a mentor. Back at the Big Picture School (BPS) the students work with their advisors building and reinforcing the skill and knowledge needed to complete those projects. Our advisors are trained to identify the learning opportunities and to support those opportunities both at the internship and back at school.

Benefits for Mentors

- Have a fresh set of eyes look at your work and see new answers to old problems
- Catch the enthusiasm of a teenager who is excited about your work
- Have an extra set of hands to tackle the daily tasks at your organization
- Enjoy the personal reward of encouraging teenagers who share your professional goals

Benefits for Students

- Build a relationship with an adult mentor
- Learn the professional attitude and expertise that are necessary in today's workplace
- Learn skills such as organization, punctuality and time management
- Become engaged in his/her work and take ownership of his/her learning
- Understand the importance of education and develop long-term goals

Student Responsibilities

- Contribute real work to the internship site
- Take on a special project for the internship site
- Research an investigative question connected to their work or project
- Meet regularly with the mentor to report on progress and to receive feedback
- Reflect on work and learning in journal writings
- Call mentor and the Big Picture School if student is going to be absent or late.

Mentor Responsibilities

- Call BPS if the student is absent
- Schedule regular times to give student feedback
- Meet once a month with an advisor from the BPS to discuss the student's work; email or call more frequently as needed/desired
- Try to attend the student's final presentation of his/her work (an exhibition)



School and District Staff, Community and College Partners, and Parents celebrating the opening of Bellevue Big Picture School, September 6, 2011